

OFFICE OF CURRENT OPERATIONS

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-POLISH BISHOPS REPORTEDLY CALL FOR WALESA RELEASE

VATICAN CITY -(DJ)--POLISH BISHOPS CALLED FOR THE
RELEASE OF SOLIDARITY UNION LEADER LECH WALESA SAYING HE IS
+ABSOLUTELY INDISPENSABLE FOR NATIONAL EQUILIBRIUM,+ VATICAN
RADIO SAID IN A BROADCAST THURSDAY.

ACCORDING TO A NUMBER OF REPORTS, WALESA IS IN CUSTODY
OUTSIDE WARSAW.

THE EIGHT-MINUTE BROADCAST QUOTED A COMMUNIQUE THE
POLISH BISHOPS SNUGGLED OUT OF THE COUNTRY TO PARIS.

VATICAN OFFICIALS SAID THEY HAVE HADN+T TELEPHONE OR
TELEX CONTACT WITH WARSAW SINCE THE GOVERNMENT IMPOSED
MARTIAL LAW SUNDAY.

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